

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan



2007 Safe Shopping Guide
Children's Product Recalls



A Message from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan

With the holidays fast approaching, many Illinoisans will soon be busy gift shopping for friends and family. This year, however, parents and others shopping for children may find themselves in toy stores wondering what is safe and what is not.

In 2007, there have been widespread recalls of children's products. Since January, hundreds of different toys and children's jewelry pieces - amounting to over 37 million individual units - were recalled. In addition, over twenty juvenile durable products, including items such as cribs and car seats, and numerous clothing products were recalled.

Recalls may be issued for a variety of reasons, ranging from small parts that can detach and pose a choking hazard, to toys that are coated in lead-based paint. Whatever the cause of the recall, it is vital that dangerous products are removed from children immediately.

Because children are particularly vulnerable to dangerous consumer products, people purchasing gifts for kids are right to be concerned about safety. The ideal situation is to prevent dangerous products from ever reaching our kids in the first place. For this reason, my office, pursuant to the Children's Product Safety Act, requires that Illinois retailers remove dangerous products from store shelves and post recall notices in prominent locations. While these measures help keep dangerous products out of consumers' hands, they are not infallible.

To help consumers shop with confidence and to ensure that dangerous products are kept away from children, my office developed this Safe Shopping Guide, which provides a photograph and short description of each and every children's product recalled in 2007 up until the date of publication. The Safe Shopping Guide is separated into five parts for easy reference: toys, children's jewelry, juvenile durable products, children's clothing, and ATVs and bicycles.

It is my hope that you will carry this Guide with you as you shop and consult it before making your purchases. You can also use it to check the presents your kids receive from friends and family. By taking this simple precaution, you can help to ensure the safety of your children's gifts.

I wish you and your family a joyous-and safe-holiday season.

Lisa Madigan
Attorney General

What can I do to keep my kids safe from dangerous products?

1. Sign up for email notification of all recalled products at www.recalls.gov.
2. Check the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website for recalled children's products at www.cpsc.gov.
3. Call the Attorney General's Product Recall Hotline at [1-888-414-7678](tel:1-888-414-7678) if you have questions or if you see a recalled product being sold in stores.



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The following is a list of ATV and bicycle recalls issued between January 1, 2007 and November 21, 2007.



Arctic Cat Model Year 2007 90cc Youth Model ATVs Recalled on January 23, 2007.

The handlebar base, mounting bolts, tie-rod ends and tie-rod adjustment locking nuts may not have been tightened to the proper torque during the production process. Operating an affected ATV could cause components to loosen resulting in loss of steering control. This condition could result in loss of vehicle control, which could result in injury or death. The recalled vehicles were sold at Arctic Cat dealerships nationwide from August 2006 to January 2007.



Long Chang Lion 90cc Youth Model ATVs Recalled on May 3, 2007.

These ATVs by Stateside Powersports lack adequate tire labeling, tire pressure gauge, adequate stop engine switch and other safety requirements which could result in injury to consumers. The ATVs were sold at ATV dealerships and online nationwide from May 2006 through December 2006.



Warning Issued on Kazuma Meerkat 50 Youth ATVs on June 5, 2007.

The Kazuma Meerkat 50 Youth ATV has multiple safety defects including no front brakes, no parking brake, and a missing neutral indicator light. It can also be started while in gear. Additionally, the owner's manual does not contain complete information on safe operation and maintenance of the ATV. The ATVs have been sold by Kazuma dealers and Web retailers nationwide since 2003.



Ohalee FA-A70 Youth ATVs Recalled on September 6, 2007.

These youth ATVs lack front brakes and a tire pressure gauge, the date of manufacture is not printed on side of the tires, and the front suspension is solid and does not allow for travel. Additionally, the flag pole bracket is not the correct size, and the handlebars do not have padding covering sharp edges. The owner's manual does not contain complete information on the safe operation and maintenance of the ATV. These defects could result in an unsafe riding condition, posing a risk of injury to young drivers. These ATVs were sold by Odes Motorcycle Industry nationwide from June 2006 through December 2006.



Children's Trailer Bicycles Recalled on September 18, 2007.

The Novara Afterburner Trailer Bicycles can detach from the adult bicycle, posing a fall hazard to children. The bicycles were sold at REI stores nationwide from February 2007 through June 2007.



Baja Youth ATVs Recalled on November 21, 2007.

Three Baja Youth ATVs, the Baja 90, the Baja Wilderness 90 and the Baja Wilderness 90u lack a tire pressure gauge and flag pole mounting bracket, which poses a risk of injury to riders. The vehicles were sold at retail outlets, ATV dealerships, and online, nationwide from November 2004 to July 2007.

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For more information on dangerous children's products, please consult the following resources.

Illinois Attorney General's Office

www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov

Recall Hotline—1-888-414-7678

Provides information to consumers on all product recalls.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

www.cpsc.gov

Offers e-mail notification of new recalls. Also provides a listing of all past and present recalls so you can check for recalled items you may already have in your home.

Illinois Department of Public Health

www.idph.state.il.us

Provides a list of recalled children's products.

Kids in Danger

www.kidsindanger.org

Provides a variety of information on child safety and product recalls.

Lead Safe Illinois

www.leadSAFEillinois.org

Provides information about lead poisoning and lead poisoning prevention. Lead Safe Illinois can direct consumers to locations that offer blood lead level testing.

Recalls.gov

www.recalls.gov

Provides a comprehensive list of all U.S. Government Recalls, including food and drug recalls.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Provides information regarding recalled children's car seats.